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1. To inspire and cultivate moral and intellectual improvement amongst the men of Collin's Bay Penitentiary.

2. To aid in overcoming the arbitrary bias which is one of the numerous "bar sinister" to a wayward man's redemption.

3. To discuss progressive and revolutionary penological data, without recourse to partiality, favour or affection.

4. To evince Stoicism and humour, to the end that light shall obtain even in darkness.

5. To elicit the support of Society in welcoming the return of a man from prison who needs help and who is genuinely desirous of seeking his reformation in the highly competitive life of the free world.

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Total Population	461	Received	28
High Number	5212	Discharged:	
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Transfers (To Other Institutions) ..	10	By Ticket-of-Leave	2
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Dedication

This issue we humbly dedicate to Mothers, not just your Mother and my Mother but all Mothers, wherever they may be. On this one day of the year we stop for a moment and review the past, we think of the many times we've fallen and she's always been there to put us back on our feet, not just as children but later in life as well. We remember how, as infants, we cried and she was always ready to comfort us, we hungered and she fed us, we thirsted and she gave us drink. Yes, without Mother's Love this would be a dreary old world, for our Mothers supply that ever present ray of sunshine to light our existence.

For the prisoner, perhaps more than anyone else the appreciation of Mother is greatest. She supplies the one link with the outside world, she gives the courage and faith to bear the burden and struggle up the long hill of despair. Her faith can rebuild broken dreams and give one the courage to meet the world on its own terms. With her help one may once again walk in freedom with his head held high and hope in his heart.

On this day let us resolve anew to walk upon the path she would desire, let us resolve to do nought to bring her shame but to direct our energy and talents upon the street of honesty so she may be proud of our achievements, and above all let us resolve to make every day, of every week, of every year, truly
"MOTHER'S DAY".

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The Board of Commissioners

Visit

Collins Bay Penitentiaries

On March 3, 1959 the institution was visited by the Board of Commissioners, which consists of Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. MacLeod and Col. Stone. This board was appointed on January 1st 1959 to study and report to Parliament on the Penal system. While in the institution they conducted meetings with the Officer's and departmental Heads regarding Institutions generally. The Diamond Staff was so interviewed on behalf of the Inmate population and I will discuss the curriculum of this meeting a little later in this article.

This board has been given the task of compiling a comprehensive report on the Penitentiary systems of Canada, England and the U.S.A. These systems will be evaluated and the best of each incorporated into the Canadian System.

Within the month these gentlemen will be travelling to England where they will inspect the institutions and will talk to inmates as well as those in the English Judiciary and Penal Reform Offices. As England is now instituting sweeping reforms in their penal system this visit is most opportune and should bear fruit for the Canadian Institutions. From England they will travel to the U.S.A. where they will study the more advanced institutions, such as Chino, with a view to incorporating such institutions here.

The Diamond Staff was closeted with these gentlemen for one hour and many things of interest to us all were discussed.

We opened our meeting with the discussion of visits, we put forward our arguments for better facilities and longer visiting periods, the board concurred in our arguments, then the everpresent, or should I say absent, question of Money was taken up, and the board disclosed a desire to implement a decided raise in inmate earnings, but at the same time they would lengthen the working day, after careful consideration we agreed in the advantages of this move. Various other subjects were discussed such as Clothing, Recreation Facilities and the need for a Gymnasium in each institution, greater facilities for the sale of Hobbycraft articles and many other things surrounding institutional life.

The Board indicated their desire to abandon the majority of the walled, barred prison of today and to build open prisons, much like Chino, with small 10 to 25 man dormitories. This type of institution is long overdue in Canada.

In closing I desire to thank these gentlemen for their great patience with my colleagues and myself and the interest shown in our suggestions. I wish them the best of Luck in their quest for information in Penal Reform.

Editorial...

PAROLE

On February 16th, 1959, the first Canadian Parole Board officially took office. This portends a great move in penological thinking in this country, for it is a recognized fact that the average inmate becomes surfeited with prison and its environment at some stage during his incarceration and if he were released at this time under proper supervision there would be small likelihood of him returning to crime. After this point of saturation is passed he becomes immune to surroundings and bitter toward his jailers and society. When this is allowed to happen the time and money invested to affect his rehabilitation is wasted. This is occurring far too often today.

Under a proper system of parole and proper parolee supervision the recidivism rate of Canadian Penitentiaries can be drastically reduced. The question uppermost in my mind is how can four men, the number on our board, possibly interview and consider each case of the 6,000 men and women now in Penitentiary without counting the great influx that will take place when many of the Provincial Institutions become integrated under the Dominion Government. One of the most important aspects of the Parole Board must be Personal Interviews. Each man deserves the right to present his case *in person* to the board, he deserves the right to be heard and not judged in absentee as is now done. If there is no Personal Interviewing, and I am greatly afraid there will be none, then our much touted Parole Board is but a farce and a mockery. It is a virtual impossibility to judge a man's rehabilitative status from cold files. How can you say "This man is reformed." or "This man is not ready for release." never having seen or spoken to the man in question? How can you truly ascertain a man's attitude toward society and life from a letter? Written words are cold and heartless, is our much vaunted Parole Board also to be cold and heartless?

A man's past mistakes are no criterion by which to judge his future actions. He must be judged upon his present attitude, not his past, he must be given a chance to prove himself as a reformed individual, his past record must not be the only thing upon which a Parole is refused. If such is done and he is refused on these grounds, as too often is the case, then in effect they are saying, "We have spent thousands to reform you, but now that you give every indication of being reformed we don't trust you." If such is the case then those in power do not trust themselves, for they work for reform but fail to recognize it when it comes. They let the golden moment of redemption fall from their nerveless fingers and lie forgotten in the dust of disillusion.

The Parole Board must not become another Remission Service, it must be a new weapon in the fight, it must bring new life and aims to the battle for man's redemption. If it is to be but a compromise between the failure of the Remission Service and the forward thinking of those versed in penological studies then it is foredoomed to dismal failure.

Under the old Remission Service there was an unwritten law, "No man shall become eligible for Ticket of Leave until *at least* one half of his sentence shall be served." This rule exists nowhere, but in the minds of the employees of the old Remission Service, the selfsame employees who have now become the Parole Board's staff. By this alone shall they make themselves known,—for this rule remains in force then we shall know that the new Parole Board has been

at a change of names, and not one of interest or heart. There is no sense or reason to this unwritten law, for who is to know that if a man is sentenced to 8 years it will take 4 years to reform him? This may be accomplished in but 2 years and everything after is anticlimatic and breeds bitterness and contempt for society. Two men on a similar charge may draw extremely dissimilar sentences, one receiving 2 years and the other 5 years, so one therefore becomes eligible after 1 year is served, the other not until $2\frac{1}{2}$ years have passed. This is neither right nor justice as I know it, and I fervently hope that this rule may be abolished, for any rule that is discriminatory must be wrong.

If the Canadian Parole Board is to be successful it must have three things—firstly it must have a staff of competent and fully trained men and women to supervise and assist the parolee during his parole. Secondly it must have Personal Interviews with the man and it must listen to the man and not judge alone from old files, this I believe to be a crucial aspect of this undertaking. And thirdly, and possibly most important of all, it must have the help and backing of Society at large, for without the interest and assistance of the public it will surely fail, and this it must never do if Canada is to hold high her head in the forefront of Penal reform.

We in Canada have the bud form which may grow the most progressive and lightened Penal System in the world, but it must be nourished by the minds and hearts of those willing to lead this crusade for the reclamation of the fallen. This is work that should stir the hearts of all men, for with a progressive Penal system we will have fewer prisoners. Think before you act, but above all—ACT!



A SYMBOL OF TIME

Take time to think, it is the source of power,
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to love and be loved, it is a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish,
Take time to work, it is the price of success. 5007 Midge

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An inexperienced speaker arose in confusion after dinner and murmured unblinking: "M-m-my f-f-friends, when I came here tonight only God and myself knew what I was about to say to you—and now only God knows—"

Letters From Home



by Buck Bordeleau

I don't feel like writing to-night, I'm tired, I'll just lean back and rest for awhile. Oh! that blasted pen of mine, does it have to creep up my fingers at this very moment? I had it out of sight a moment ago, and now she's gently carressing my fingers. "Go away, I'll use you some other time—to-night I'll rest." "Okay, okay, I'll fill you with ink. But don't get any bright ideas, cause I'm so tired." "Don't get mad, of course I need you, and under the present circumstances, more than ever." "Here, I'll prove it to you." "What do you want me to write? Anything that comes to my mind? Oh, that's easy—a letter home."

Not a day goes by that I don't anxiously wait for the mailman to hand me a letter from home. Sometimes he stops, fumbles with the pack of letters, looks at my number on my card, takes a few steps to my right, and gives it to Joe next door—his letter from home. Being cool tempered refrains me from screaming, but mind you, there's still to-morrow,—yes to-morrow.

The silence is broken by the crackling of a letter being anxiously opened.

I can even tell when he flips the first page to get at the second. He's happy I know it. There's a lump in my throat and my stomach muscles want to tighten up, but I manage to relax somehow. For, after spending years under these strenuous conditions, one learns the value of self control.

But why didn't she write? Could it be that she's ill? No! For if she was her mother would have written to say so. Maybe she met—No, no, I mustn't think this way—what's the matter with me anyway—what am I getting all upset for?? So, she didn't write this week, she probably has more worries than I—with the kids and everything. The censors! I wouldn't be a bit surprised if those censors were holding up my mail just to aggravate me. Oh! those censors—how I hate them.

Say, now I remember. She did say something about visiting her sister in Montreal. I'll bet that's the reason she's late. I suddenly sat up, as I awakened from a nightmare. I thought I heard someone call my name—I must be my imagination. Bill! Bill!

came a soft, but sort of throaty voice. I identified it immediately as that of Joe, who has been my next door neighbor for the past two years. "Hi, what do you want?" "Did you get a letter to-night?" "No—I wasn't expecting one to-day, I got one just a few days ago." (I could feel the blood rushing to my face—luckily he couldn't see me, or he surely would have immediately known I was lying.) "How about you, did you get one?" "Yeh, from my brother, Bob." "That brother of mine! everytime I ask him a question he never answers it. You'd think he'd tell me if Hellene has changed her address. It's a simple question to answer, isn't it? It wasn't really important, I guess—I just wanted to know, that's all,"

"Listen Joe, how many times have I told you that this is an everyday occurrence in here? It happens all the time—to everyone. I think I know why. "You see, people on the outside don't realize that life almost ceases to exist in here. We no longer hear our sons' or daughters' cute quips—the funny things they

say and do sometimes that make us laugh our heads off. Our folks won't mention it—it's unimportant. We don't know if John is still working at the corner Service Station—it's not important. Does Suzie mention my name sometimes? No answer—they think it doesn't really matter.

"Well it does matter, and it is important, isn't it Joe?" "It sure is, for it refreshes our almost forgotten pleasant memories."

I wonder if they know that we spend 17 hours a day in our cell with very little to do, but dream and dream and dream. I already know that on the next letter I get all those little unimportant questions I asked will be unanswered. It's almost ten o'clock, the lights will go out, but I'll see the midnight officer make his round — how could I possibly sleep soundly when I have to stay up half the night wondering what's happening at home! Voila! Maybe Tomorrow I'll get my Letter from Home.

To My Love

Ernest Ruby.

I sometimes sit alone and think
of happy days we had,
And in these thoughts I'm comforted,
Because my heart feels glad.
Quite frequently I dream of you.
When I'm asleep at night,
I see your eyes and smiling face,
Like stars a-shining bright.
Please wait for me my darling,
Until I come for you;
I want to hold you in my arms
And say "I Love You" too.

DISCRIMINATION

and PREJUDICE

by Vernon H. Miller

The Recoun

The practise of discrimination cannot be tolerated in our present day society. The days of independency are gone forever; our closely knit society of today is dependent upon every one of us, large or small, white or coloured, Protestant, Catholic or Jew.

First of all, to discriminate or be prejudiced against another human is a childish and extremely silly practise. We are all of blood and bone, of body and soul. Does the colour of one's skin or the convictions of one's religion change one into anything less than human? Don't we all love and hate, have moments of happiness, of sorrow, of pain? And when this incarnation is over, are not our bodies returned to the same earth from whence they all came? Why, then, this feeling of superiority over another human being, regardless of his race, religion, or his position on the social scale? It is really very silly, isn't it?

The harmful effects upon the person's personality, even his whole philosophy of life, who practises discrimination, cannot be estimated. And if one considers himself to be religious, his soul-progress is slowed immeasurably; the injury to his Soul-life can never truly be known. The soul is thrown completely out of harmony with the Laws of God and the Cosmic, thereby causing his whole life to be at odds with the Universe.

We must learn to live with other people. The community we live in suffers when discrimination or prejudice raise their ugly heads. It can only stir up resentment, fear and hatred, doing harm to everyone in the neigh-

borhood. Many of us, no doubt, know of instances where a once peaceful quiet community suddenly was turned into a violent, bloody battleground because someone instigated discrimination against a neighbor. For what reason? Simply because the neighbor's skin was of a different colour, or perhaps his religious beliefs didn't coincide with the rest of the community NOT because he was undesirable as a human being, mind you. Oh, no, he was nice enough, had a lovely family clean and decent, but he just didn't fit in with the rest of the neighborhood so far as colour of skin or beliefs were concerned. Silly? Of course, but this practise of discrimination, of prejudice is being used in this so-called FREEDOM democracy of ours every day.

Discrimination is definitely detrimental to the welfare and safety of our country. In time of war, coloured white, red and Mexican fought side by side for the freedoms we ALL should be enjoying together. The Communists make a plaything out of every act of discrimination and prejudice in this country, and well they might. The "Little Rock" incident is a good example of this; a distinctly BAD example of democracy in a land of FREEDOM for ALL. Discrimination and prejudice turn this phrase into so many words; propaganda device of democracy which is being continually denied.

We all know that there are undesirable in every race, but this is no reason to condemn the entire tribe. I know a number of coloured people, for example, that I don't particularly like but I also have many, many more

friends who are coloured, and the nicest people I know. The same applies to all races, all religious sects. I have met Protestant I disliked, Catholic and Jews etc., but for each of those, I probably have a dozen different friends of the same different beliefs. We must judge a person by what he is INSIDE, by his actions, his personality, his integrity, his philosophy of life, and not by his colour or religious convictions.

We must judge a man by the colour of his HEART, the colour of his SOUL, and not his skin; by the fact that he DOES believe in a GOD, and NOT by what name he calls his God, be it Jesus, Buddha, Allah, or some other name. We might do well to meditate upon these words of wisdom, believed written by Amenhotep IV, Pharaoh of Egypt, during the years 1360 to 1350 B.C., and taken from a rare private

edition of "UNTO THEE I GRANT"

"When thou considerest thy wants, acknowledge His goodness, Oh son of humanity! who honoured thee with reason, endured thee with speech, and placed thee in society to receive and confer reciprocal helps and mutual obligations.

"Thy food, thy clothing, thy convenience of habitation; thy protection from the injuries, thy enjoyment of the comforts and pleasures of life; all these thou owest to the assistance of others, and couldst not enjoy but in the hands of society.

"It is thy duty therefore to be a friend to man-kind, as it is thy interest that man should be friendly to thee."

Also, from this same pen of wisdom, "Suspect not evil in anyone, until thou seest it; when thou seest it, forget not to forgive."

Committee Election

On March 16, 1959 an election was held by the inmate population for the post of "Sports & Entertainment Committee". This committee consists of 3 inmates who hold office for a one year period. They have one of the most difficult jobs in the institution for our entire Sports Programme is in their hands. The committee must arrange our Soft Ball League and schedules, Soccer League, Handball tournaments, Volley Ball and any other sport that it is possible to integrate within the framework of institutional life. Theirs also is the responsibility for choosing and arranging for the weekly Movies that are shown during the winter months, and any Stage Shows that our friends of the outside world perform for our enjoyment.

Thirteen men ran for office, these were—Forde, Ingram, 5086, Lowery, Leslie, Powers, Dacey, Reade, McGregor, Wilcocks, Ferguson, Brooker and

Johnson. After the dust cleared the final standings were:

1. 5086—164 Votes
2. Forde—154 Votes
3. Ingram—144 Votes
4. Leslie—132 Votes
5. Lowery—93 Votes
6. Dacey—85 Votes
7. Powers—77 Votes
8. McGregor—55 Votes
9. Reade—54 Votes
10. Brooker—50 Votes
11. Ferguson—20 Votes
12. Wilcocks—17 Votes
13. Johnson—10 Votes

To the triumphant candidates—5086, Forde and Ingram we offer our congratulations on a race well run and our wholehearted support in their endeavours. With the co-operation and backing of the inmate body we feel that this year can be the greatest, sportswise, that The Bay has ever seen, so come on fellows, lets help our Committee to help us.

Delinquency and Crime

by A. M.

By delinquent, we refer to the types of socially non-conforming behavior such as stealing, which will, if detected, lead to the juvenile court. Delinquency is an enormous social problem, because it has been clearly shown by many investigators to lead directly to adult criminality.

How does an individual become delinquent? People behave in ways that give them the greatest reward. If the conditions surrounding the life of the growing child are such as to reward delinquent behavior, delinquency will result. The child who has once become delinquent is gradually withdrawn from the possibility of earning the rewards open to the well-behaved child. The delinquent child associates with other delinquents, he accepts their heroes and their values, and as time goes on it becomes harder and harder to appeal to him on the basis of the social approval of honest people. He now belongs to a small group within society whose ideals and laws are different from those of society as a whole. His loyalty is to this small group, and his first interest is in its approval of him. A well known gangster once remarked that he would rather hire grown-up men to do his illegal errands than employ boys in their teens. The boys were too blood-thirsty. They were out to make a reputation for themselves and would not hesitate to use rough tactics, even murder, if the occasion seemed to demand it.

A psychologist made an elaborate study of the factors associated with, and presumably responsible for, and have been verified many times by investigators and are enclosed here because of his close adherence to the scientific method. He found that 18 percent of his delinquent group came

from poverty-stricken homes, against 8 per cent of a non-delinquent control group. He also found that defective marital relations of the parents were twice as frequent for the delinquents as for the non-delinquent group of children.

Numerous investigators report that bad companions are one of the most important factors in leading a child into delinquent behavior. Delinquency is highest in areas which are in a process of transition from residence to business and industry, and are characterized by physical deterioration, decreasing population and the break up of neighborhood culture and organization. These, of course, are low-rent neighborhoods.

Intelligence as a factor in crime and delinquency. How many times have you read the equivalent of this in your newspaper?

"Moron Molests Child — Escape Police Dagnet — Sharp Vigilance Kept." There is a profound feeling among laymen that crime and low intelligence go together, that feeble-mindedness and insanity are the same and that sexual perversion is a sign of low intelligence. In certain communities the children of the better class families never arrive before the juvenile courts, no matter what their crime. The parents are well known and influential and are trusted to handle the delinquent children in their own way. Under such circumstances, only the children of poor and uninfluential families of a lower intelligence would get before the court. In looking over the literature on this important topic, however, one comes to the conclusion that low intelligence is just one small factor in delinquency, and by no means the most important one.

Such factors as poverty, broken homes, bad companions, and mental conflicts seem far more important than low intelligence as the cause of Juvenile Delinquency. This fact is fortunate from the social point of view, for these factors are ones which can be dealt with within the life of the individual

by euthenic measures; such as better schools, supervised play and improved economic conditions in the home. Were native intelligence the fundamental factor in delinquency the outlook would be much less hopeful for a complete cure.

I Will Not Quit.

I will not quit
However hard the fight;
I will not quit
The conflict and the right.

I will not yield,
However sore the strife;
This is the way He trod
To victory and life.

I will not fear,
However dark the past;
I will have faith
That light shall break at last.

I will not rest
However rough the sod;
That leads to God.
I know this is the way

Hilltop Poems

sent by Mrs. A. Duff

YOUNG PUNKS GALL AN "OLD PRO" YEGG

By Sidney J. Harris *The Spectator*
There is a standard in every profession, a code in every craft. I ran into a criminal the other morning who was "shocked" at the crimes going on today.

He is an old-fashion criminal I used to see occasionally when I was a reporter nearly 20 years ago. A quiet, round-faced man, he was a first-class burglar and safe-cracker, but otherwise a quiet decent sort of chap.

"I don't know what's got into young fellows these days," he shook his head mournfully as we had a cup of coffee together. "They're monsters, not human beings. I wouldn't spit on the best of them."

"In my day, a thief was a thief. He did his job and went home and tried to enjoy himself the same way other men would. He didn't like violence, he didn't hate anybody, and he wasn't trying to prove anything."

"Now I see these punks all over the streets, and they're enough to make an honest thief's stomach turn. They don't have any brains, and they don't have any heart either. All they can do is hit and shoot and curse."

"With a couple of drinks they'll knock off a cab driver for ten bucks

in change. What do you writing fellow call them—psychopaths?"

"How do you account for the difference?" I asked him.

"Who knows?" he shrugged. "Something has gone out of them. They don't love anything, and they even seem to hate themselves. They don't have families or hobbies, as we used to. They don't even seem to want to be successful—just noticed—and that's the sure way to be caught."

"Then you think they want to be caught?" I suggested.

"Sure," he said. "They want to prove how tough they can be, even walking to the chair. What's the point of punishing punks like that? You've got to straighten out their mental kinks while they're small, or you can't do anything with them at all."

"The old bunch I used to know are mostly dead," he sighed. "Ah, they were the fine fellows, some of them, a pleasure to talk with."

"It's a funny age we're living in when a professional thief can't bring himself to associate with the scum running around these days. That's the reason, if you want to know, why they went straight."

THE SEA AND I

White-capped waves on a pondless sea,
Chainless slaves, forever to be
Dancing the song of the ruthless wind
Which blows a fury of raging sound
And always I stand transfixed, spellbound.

The menacing sky, now turning black,
The luring cry, which calls me back
To a place of wildness, and I cannot leave,
This windswept shore for all I might,
Until this fury, dies in the night.

For I am a slave, that must always be,
A white-capped wave on the angry sea,
Which beckons to me and I must heed
That imperious call and forsake this life,
To content myself, with storm and strife.

Anonymous

The Choice Is Yours

by Mitchell J.S.

A.A. is a truly wonderful fellowship, and always will be. It offers a suggested program of 12 steps, which teaches the alcoholic how to live within the confines of his affliction. I once heard a guest speaker at our weekly meeting say that A.A. is "The Brotherhood of the Last Chance". How true I believe this statement to be.

If you or I have an alcoholic problem, in A.A. we have an opportunity to overcome it. But sometimes we sell A.A. short, we fail to accept what is offered to us, for we can accept or reject A.A. and its teachings, each individual must judge it on his own, bearing in mind his own needs, and so I say "THE CHOICE IS YOURS".

The value of the A.A. program is proven not only by those who accept and are helped to an alcohol free, Christian way of life, but also by those who reject it, and with their rejection doom themselves to a life in the half world of alcoholic slavery. For those who reject A.A. and its teachings we have sympathy, understanding and always hope that they will come back and allow us to assist them the way others have assisted us.

A.A. is no part time job, but rather a 24 hour a day program, based upon the 1st step, in which we admit that we are powerless to control alcohol. Hence we admit to ourselves this truth

we have made a big step in the direction of sobriety. Just attaining sobriety and stopping there is foolhardy, for it is very easy to slide again into the former ways. The chap who scoffs or states that he doesn't require any assistance or even sneers when he is reminded that we must practise these principles in all our affairs is headed for trouble, for nearly everyone who cannot control his craving for alcohol, and so is on his way to becoming an alcoholic, requires assistance, guidance and understanding.

The answer to an alcoholic free resistance, is to start today with A.A., to start in honesty sincerity, in humility and complete surrender, the word "surrender" means more than just to quit drinking, it means admission, submission, faith, personal inventory, responsibility, obligations, service and love. It means recognition of the problem and willingness to do what must be done to overcome it, and it certainly means practising these principles in all our affairs.

The choice is yours to accept or reject, if you are an alcoholic I hope you will give A.A. the chance to help you, as it has helped countless others through the years. GOD BLESS US IN THE A.A. FELLOWSHIP AND MAY HE GIVE US STRENGTH TO PRACTISE THE A.A. PRINCIPLES IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS.

The Music Box

by J.A. Hannah

The heavy, toneless beat of a drum—a twanging guitar—a blaring saxophone—and above it all, a voice, shouting out unintelligible lyrics—these are the marks which characterize the latest musical fad to sweep the country—Rock and Roll. To the teenagers this is life, or as they say “The Most,” but to the oldsters it is—to paraphrase the boppers — “Strickly Least,” but this is Rock and Roll, the most insistent music of the day.

The father of Rock and Roll is conceded to be Bill Haley. Bill was in at its birth and is today one of the strongest exponents of this lusty infant. Music is Bill's entire life. As a youngster Bill made himself a guitar from cardboard and taught himself to play this rather crude instrument. His father, heartened by Bill's desire for musical expression presented him with a real guitar, and, at 13, young Haley began earning the first of the many thousands of dollars he was to amass through music, when he played at the local auctions for \$1.00 a night. He later worked in an open air park—Yodelled with a band—trouped with a Medicine show—and generally worked and played his way around the country. It was while working for radio station W.P.W.A in Chester, Pennsylvania, his present home, that he first formed his band and under the monicker of “Bill Haley and his Comets” began cutting Rock and Roll records. “Rock Around the Clock,” one of his earliest releases, skyrocketed him to national prominence, this was quickly followed by “Shake, Rattle and Roll,” “Razzle, Dazzle,” “Rudy's Rock” and numerous other topflight

Rock and Roll recordings. Bill Haley's mania for travelling has sent him touring the globe and at the present he is embarked on an extensive tour of Europe and the Middle East, where, as usual, he is drawing the record crowds that have come to be expected of this great entertainer.

Rivalling Bill Haley for top Rock and Roll honours is a moustache young guitar player named Chuck Berry. His recording of “Maybelline” although primarily belonging to the country and western field, carried Chuck high into the musical limelight. More so than Bill Haley are other Rock and Roll stars who use a group of instruments for background. Chuck relies almost exclusively on an electric guitar which he plays himself. His lyrics are usually accompanied with this vibrating, pulsating guitar beat. This is very evident in such of his hits as “School Days,” “Johnny Good,” “Rock and Roll Music,” “Sweet Little Sixteen” and all of his recordings.

Leaving rhythmic guitars and blaring sax's behind we discover another of the bright stars of this media. Canadian born Paul Anka. Paul's first and perhaps greatest hit song came about in a rather unusual way. While in New York for his first recording engagement he gave one of the four songs he had prepared to wax to another musician and that evening in his hotel room he wrote “Diana,” the song that was a rocket him to instant stardom and bring him the first of many Gold Records. Paul, the son of an Ottawa Restaurant Owner, has always had a strong leaning towards music and while in high school belonged to a quartet that sang at many of the school social functions. With the advent

Rock and Roll, Paul decided if others could rise to the top with this style, he could to. He began by entering the amateur night contests in nearby theatres and these led eventually to his first New York recording session. Following the acclaim that greeted "Diana" he quickly cut many other sides, two of these, "Don't Gamble With Love" and "All of a Sudden My Heart Sings," are oldies which Paul has given a face lifting and he does a tremendous vocalizing job on them. Paul has a warm appeal which goes beyond his singing and this, in itself, is one of the main reasons for his popularity, for the teenagers realize he is one of them and respond to him enthusiastically. He recently cancelled an extensive overseas tour where he was greeted everywhere by screaming crowds.

Rock and Roll is not entirely dominated by the male singers, as a pert, young vocalist named Connie Francis can happily testify. Her rendition of "Who's Sorry Now," "I'm Sorry I Made You Cry" and "Heartaches," have endeared her to many, and she has a rapidly growing following of fans. Connie's songs, though mainly old ballads, still have that unmistakable Rock and Roll. "Stupid Cupid," is one of this type, although somewhat softer than is Connie's usual style, but in her current highriding hit "My Happiness" she gets right back into her specialty, schmaltz with a beat.

With the rapid rise of Rock and Roll many groups and duo's came to prominence, ranking high among these are the Everly brothers. These boys are no strangers to the entertainment field as both their parents are Country and Western style singers, a trait which distinguished the boys from others in their field. They toured the country with their parents from childhood and in their teens began to branch out on their own in singing and recording dates. The boys have that strong western background in all of their songs and accompany themselves with their twin guitars, which doesn't help any to hide their background. However, despite, or perhaps because of, this strong western background they have risen to the heights with Rock and Roll. Some of their songs, such as "Dream" and "Wake Up Little Suzy" are very good, while others like "Bye, Bye, Love" are merely mediocre, but these boys are stars in the field and growing brighter with every new release.

No article on Rock and Roll would be considered complete without mention of the "Crown Prince of Rock and Roll" the incomparable Elvis Presley. Everything that could be said about this great entertainer has already been said innumerable times, all I can add is that a man who reaches the heights he has and makes 26 Golden Records must be terrific.

STILLNESS COMES

Evening life is oh so gay
As you lose the cares of day.
Bright lights shine, the juke box plays,
It's a relief from the hard worked day.

As Evening moves on and midnight comes
And quietness settles over some.
The cares you had, you find there's none,
Peace at last as stillness comes.

The stillness comes, your mind's at ease
And the breeze murmur through the trees.
Now the darkness completes its maze
And you silently fall into a daze.

P. Crosby

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

- I Remember I am thy wife,
Whom thou must cherish all thy life.
- II Thou shalt not stay out late at night,
Though lodges, friends or clubs invite.
- III Thou shalt not smoke indoors or out,
Nor chew tobacco hereabout.
- IV Thou shalt with praise receive my pies,
Nor pastries made by me despise.
- V My mother thou shalt try to please,
And let her live with us in ease.
- VI Remember, 'tis thy duty clear,
To dress me well throughout the year.
- VII Thou shalt in manner mild and meek,
Hand me thy pay check every week.
- VIII Thou shalt not be a drinking man,
But use the prohibition plan.
- IX Thou shalt not flirt, but must allow,
Thy wife such freedom anyhow.
- X Thou shalt get up when baby cries,
And try the child to tranquilize.

A Letter To Men in Prison

By Carl Menninger, M.D. reprinted from *The Encourager*

Three groups of people know that the modern prison system is an utter failure. The wardens and law enforcement people know it, psychiatrists know it, and prisoners know it. These three groups of people, strangely assorted though they may sound, would all agree, I believe, on the following points:

1. There is evil in the hearts of all men, and life is a constant struggle to control it.

2. For various reasons certain individuals fail to control it—too often, too inconsistently, or too extremely.

3. Some of these individuals go off the deep end so far that they are regarded as crazy. Others are not any more crazy than the average person, and not any less. And so when they go too far they get caught in the system, the theory of operation which is that man must be shut away from the rest of the people for a while in order to show them that crime does not pay and to keep them out of other people's hair.

4. But the result of the system is that they learn that if they are smart enough, crime does pay, look at so-and-so, in high places and low places. Furthermore, those particular fellows that have done the most damage, such as little-girl molesters and a few others who ought to be in jail a long time, generally get out in a few years and go back to their old tricks. So the jail that is supposed to protect society doesn't do it, and the jail that is supposed to reform the offender merely embitters him and teaches him some new tricks, ruins his chances to get a job and costs the state a lot of money.

Now as I say, some of us well know these facts, but we don't know what to do about changing the system. What is the intelligent, constructive, sensible thing to do with offenders? What could be done that will really protect society from those who can't be reformed and which will accomplish some kind of reformation for those who can be? I'm asking you.

In the long run prisoners know more about this than anyone else, and ought to come up with the best ideas. The law enforcement people all know the present system isn't working, but they don't know what to do. Furthermore, they are hounded by a public that doesn't realize their problems or the prisoner's problems, but expects the traditional practices to continue, chiefly out of fear. We psychiatrists are overwhelmed with our clinical problems, because there are far more mentally sick people than we have any sort of decent provisions for. We know the futility of the prison system, too, but, to tell the truth, we can't put our minds to it. We haven't time. Nor do we really know enough about it, because most of the people we study are obviously sicker than most prisoners. Incidentally, the improvements in the humane care and treatment of the mentally ill and the change in public attitude toward it sprang largely from the suggestions, recommendations, and reports of former patients, such as Clifford Beers, and Mary Ward.

So I come back to the point that progressive ideas about control of social offenses and the wisest handling of offenders for their good and society's protection are likely to spring from the constructive thinking of some who have had personal, bitter experience, and who are able to rise above that experience, and who are able to devote themselves to the solution of a problem which baffles us all, and the solving of which will be a magnificent life expression for some of those who have suffered.

Prisoner Potential

This is an entirely new and original concept in Canada. In this column every month, inmates due for release within 60 days and desiring employment will advertise, stating their qualifications etc.

These men are attempting to bridge the gap between prison and the free world. They wish to live in social amity with you. They require the opportunity that you can furnish. Surely it would be a savings in tax dollars for these men to once again become paying members of Society.

This program requires your assistance—if you have an opening in your office, plant, etc.; that one of the inmates can qualify for—or if you know of an opening—please write for further information on any man to:

The Classification Office,
P. O. Box 190,
Kingston, Ontario.

Re: (Insert Publishing Number)

Many of these men have special training and skills that will make them an invaluable asset to any firm.

D-1 CLERICAL or BOOK-KEEPING

Age 27 — Married, no children — Education Grade 11 — Good knowledge of Book-keeping — Desires work in St. Catherines area.

COMMENT: An excellent prospect for clerical duties in office, with view of training for job of higher responsibility.

D-2 BRICKLAYER

Age 30 — Married 4 children — Education Grade 8 — Employed as Bricklayer — Member of union, 8 years experience — Desires employment in brickwork anywhere — Moosonee area preferred.

COMMENT: Good at his trade and can compete with the average. Cheerful disposition and willing worker—bilingual—an asset to any employer.

D-3 FACTORY WORKER

Age 34 — Married, one child — Education Grade 8 — Previous occupation—Aircraft worker—8 years experience — Desires work in area.

COMMENT: A willing and steady worker. Age and dependency insurance responsibility and long service.

D-4 HANDYMAN

Age 25 — Single — Education Grade 8 — Previous employment, General Labour — Has been employed as Pastry Baker while here — Desires anything in British Columbia — You name the job, he'll do it.

COMMENT: An industrious young man, happy disposition, requires but the opportunity.

-5 WELDER

Agt 27 — Single — Education Grade
— Previous Experience—Construction Work — Is now employed in
blacksmith Shop — Desires work in
welding — Toronto area.

*COMMENT: A willing worker and
eager to learn. Hire this man NOW.*

-8 CARPENTER'S HELPER

Age 28 — Single — Education Grade
— Construction Experience —
Would like employment as Carpenter's
Helper or General Construction —
Hamilton area.

*COMMENT: A hard industrious
worker. Willing and eager to learn.
Has taken a course in Carpentry while
re.*

-9 PLUMBING FIELD

Age 20 — Single — Education Grade
10 — Has taken Plumber's course
— Desires job in Plumbing field —
Toronto area.

*COMMENT: Willing and able worker.
Has continuously tried to better him-
self. A real find for any employer.*

-10 ELECTRICIAN

Age 22 — Education Grade 11 —
This man has taken the Vocational
Electric Course and after successfully
completing same has been employed on
electrical work — Desires electrical
work—industrial construction — Hull,
Q. preferred.

*COMMENT: This man has shown by
his efforts that he can and he will work
hard. A grade 1 prospect for any em-
ployer.*

-11 PUNCH PRESS OPERATOR

Age 22 — Education Grade 8 —
5 years experience as Punch Press Op-
erator — Now working on carpenter
gang — Would like employment in
Toronto area.

*COMMENT: Recommend to all in-
dustrial p'lants. Fair potentialities.*

D-12 BOOK-KEEPING and TYPING

Agt 27 — Single — Education Grade
11 — 4 years experience Book-keeping
and Typing — Desires this type of
work in the Sudbury area.

*COMMENT: This man needs the op-
portunity to prove himself. Hire him
NOW while he is available.*

D-13 CONSTRUCTION

Age 23 — Single — Education Grade
6 — Can operate gravel loader or
gravel truck — Also some carpentry
experience — Would like construction
work — Cornwall area.

*COMMENT: When asked what he
would do for his employer, he replied,
"Anything." Enough said.*

D-15 PLUMBING and STEAM- FITTING

Age 23 — Single — Education Grade
9 — 3½ years combined experience in
plumbing and heating field — Would
like employment in Toronto area.

*COMMENT: Eager to work and will-
ing to learn. Has proven his willingness
by successfully completing the Voca-
tional Plumber's course. A real worker,
requires but the opportunity.*

D-17 SPRAY PAINTER

Age 33 — Married, one child —
Education Grade 5 — Previous Em-
ployment—Armed Service 3 years—
cook second class—Spray Painter 5
years — Would like position as Spray
Painter — Fort Erie area.

*COMMENT: If you have an opening
for a Spray Painter, this is your man.
Age and dependency insure responsi-
bility and long service.*

D-22 ARC WELDER

Age 38 — Education Grade 10 —
Previous experience—7 years experi-
ence warehouse shipping and receiving
— 5 years experience as an Arc Welder
— Present occupation Welding —
Would like Welding job in Toronto
area.

*COMMENT: If you need a Welder,
this is your man. Hire him NOW,
while he is available.*

D-24 PLUMBING or TRUCK DRIVER

Age 24 — Single — Education Grade 8 — Previous employment—2 years plumbing—3 years truck driving — Would like to work in Kingston/Napanee area.

COMMENT: A willing worker and eager to learn. Help this man by offering him employment.

D-25 CONSTRUCTION WORKER

Age 22 — Single — Education Grade 7 — Experienced as helper on Heavy Duty Machinery — Will work anywhere but prefers Moosonee area.

COMMENT: Has experienced hard labour as well as required skills. Can work as manual labourer. This chap can become a valuable service man for any company. Capable of being trained for your needs.

D-26 HEAVY CONST. MECHANIC or OPERATOR

Age 27 — Single — Education Grade 5 — Experienced on all types of Heavy Machinery — Employed here as Mechanic and Operator on Heavy Machinery in construction garage — Will work anywhere.

COMMENT: By working on our equipment this man has proven his skill. Allow this man to continue working at his trade by hiring him NOW. He will prove an asset to your company.

D-28 CARPENTRY

Age 27 — Separated — Education Grade 8 — 4 years experience at Carpentry—Worked as truck driver — Desires employment around Ha River, Northern Manitoba.

COMMENT: A willing worker and eager to learn. NOW is the time to hire this man. Recommended to construction companies.



ONCE BITTEN — TWICE SHY

Last December Kenneth Taylor of Martinsville, Indiana, was arrested near the scene of a burglary. Actually, Taylor was innocent but he was given to understand that it would go easier on him if he "cooperated".

Taylor had a wife and two kiddies, and it was getting close to Christmas. In desperation he pleaded guilty, hoping for a suspended sentence. He drew one-to-ten-year term in the State Reformatory instead.

After brooding over his fate for nine months of the sentence, Taylor escaped (walked away from an outside work detail) and the resultant publicity brought his case to the attention of the Deputy State Public Defender, Thomas A. Hooley. Circumstances were dug into, facts established, and the miscarriage of justice came to light.

Hoadley states that he expects to be successful "within a few weeks" with writ of error (*Coram Novis*) in Morgan County Circuit Court, which will quash the conviction. Meanwhile, he has broadcast an appeal to Taylor, wherever he may be, to give himself up in order to "spare himself a conviction for escape while under sentence." And the owner of the burgled premises has offered him employment.

But Taylor has not been heard from.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

by Frank Simmonds



With the opening of the Pennant race only a couple of weeks away it is the time for all forecasters and fans of these clubs to make their annual predictions for the coming season. Here are my forecasts for the '59 season and a few predictions.

We stick with the boys in Vegas who know the business and pick the Yankees and Braves for the pennant winners. They are both 2-5 favourites. Only Cleveland and Pittsburgh have outside chances to upset the odds. But right or wrong this is the way we call them, but don't bet your Canteen on it, because we don't stand good for our losses.

PREDICTION — World Series —
Braves in 7 over Yankees.

"AMERICAN LEAGUE"

NEW YORK YANKEES—

"BRONX BOMBERS"

Casey Stengel's Bombers are once again favourites to appear in the Fall classic representing the American League. This club has speed and power to spare. Casey has the horses, all he has to do is decide who to play where. Mantle, Skowron and Berra are proven hitters and McDougald a mainstay in the infield with Kubec. Elston Howard, we think, will win Yogi's catching job this year. With Old Case at the

helm and Bullet Bob Turley's right arm its all Yankees from where we sit.
PREDICTION—Mickey Mantle to win the batting title.

2. CLEVELAND INDIANS —

"THE TRIBE"

A very good contender this year for Joe Gordon and his teepee full of comeback hopefulls. Namely, Bob Lemmon, Mike (Big Bear) Garcia and Herb Score. Look out if these pitchers come around. Rocky Colevito hit forty one homers last year and with Minnie Minoso and Jimmy Peirsal from the Red Sox form one of the best outfields in any League. Billy Martin will help this club. If a couple of regulars like Strickland and Wertz hit, this club could go all the way and bring the flag to Cleveland this year.

PREDICTION—Rocky Colevito to hit forty or more homers.

3. CHICAGO—"WHITE SOX"

Billy Pierce is the man to win twenty this year and little Nellie Fox their annual fielding and hitting star. But these two alone can't win all the games for the White Sox. A constant hitting attack hampers this club. Sherman Lollar behind the plate is probably the second best receiver in the league, with Landis their best outfielder. A good third for the White Sox.

PREDICTION—Nellie Fox to strike out less than any other player in the league and have the biggest chaw of Tobacco.

4. BOSTON—"RED SOX"

Ted Williams and Jackie Jensen are the best one-two punch on any team. Along with Frank Malzone at third they have the potential to win a pennant. A weak pitching staff hampers this club. Pete Runnels, runner-up for Williams' batting title, is a slick fielder and steadies a weak infield. With the money Yawkey has spent on this team they should be an annual contender but a poor fourth for them this year.

PREDICTION—Ted Williams to have another beef with a sportswriter or the fans in Bean Town.

5. DETROIT—"THE TIGERS"

Tough for this city to put a winner on the field. It has speed and depth with Al Kaline, Charlie Maxwell and Ozzie Virgil. Eddy Yost from the "Senators" is a proven hitter and fielder and possibly the best lead-off man in baseball. A veteran, Yost averages a hundred walks a season and should help this club. Billy Hoft and Frank Lary head a mediocre mound staff.

PREDICTION—Detroit to draw over a million fans again this season.

6. BALTIMORE ORIOLES—

"THE BIRDS"

A new front office of ex-Yankee men and no better than sixth for The Birds. Bobby Avelico traded by Cleveland is reported to be quitting and this is a blow to a weak club. Gus Treodas, All Star catcher, is their best player. Johnson, their best pitcher, seems only to be able to win at night. Still a good second division club, they could cause trouble for the last three teams.

PREDICTION—Some fan to bring a black cat to the park to break an Oriole losing streak.

7. KANSAS CITY—"A's" or

"ATHLETICS"

Not since the days of Connie Mack have the A's put a contender on the field. A group of Yankee cast-offs and bonus players are the make-up of the A's. Bob Cerv is a power hitter and a

proven major leaguer. Tom Morgan and Bob Grimm are still good pitchers but this club is weak in hitting and fielding, and a poor seventh for K.C.

PREDICTION—A's to make another trade with the Yankees.

8. WASHINGTON NATIONALS—"SENATORS"

Roy Sievers is the big man here and this is all Washington has to offer. Reno Bertio, from Detroit, could help to strengthen their infield with Rock Bridges and Thornberry. Cookie Lavette had trouble last year and it looks like another bad one for the fans in the nation's Capital.

PREDICTION—The President to throw out the first ball and make like Bob Feller.

"NATIONAL LEAGUE"

1. MILWAUKEE—"THE BRAVES"

Favourites again to repeat as pennant winners in the National League. The loss of Red Shoendienst is going to hurt but Felix Mantilla of Casey Wise are able fielders and could come through. Hank Aaron should have another big year. Spahn heads the best pitching staff in the league of Burdett Buhl and Jay. Matthews, Covington, Adcock and Crandall are always dangerous. If Connely comes around, could be a walk away for the Braves.

PREDICTION—Spahn to pitch the first game of the World Series AND WIN.

2. PITTSBURGH—

"THE PIRATES"

Trading Big Frank Thomas for pitching was all they needed for a contender. This could be the youngest year if the Braves falter. Bob Frier and Vernon Law head an impressive pitching staff and with a new leaguer they are going to cause trouble for somebody. Groat and Mazeroski are the best double play combination in the league. Rocky Nelson, drafted from Toronto, is up for another shot, and hope he can hit major league pitching this time, but he has to beat out Skinner and Big Klue for the job. Good luck Rocky.

PREDICTION—The Pittsburgh a

uncer to yell "How sweet it is" as on as the first Pirate hitter gets a on opening day.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—

"RED BIRDS"

A new manager this year who hates lose. Little Solly Hemus, an Old s House Gang ballplayer, will give inspiration and leadership to this veteran crew. Stan (The Man) Musial es on forever and with Moon Boyer y should keep the Card's in the st division. Green could have another great year as a sophomore. A long contender for Solly but third ot is the best they can do with this b.

PREDICTION—Stan Musial to win Batting Title in the National league.

CINCINATI—"REDLEGS"

Mayo Smith from the Phillys is the y manager for this power laden crew. s Bell, Don Hodk, Del Ennis, Smoky Ergess and Ed Bailey lead an im- sive array of home run sluggers. ank Thomas, acquired from Pitts- rgh, had 109 R.B.I. last year, with short field in Crosby Field, he ould improve on this mark. Mac- llan and Temple hold down the in- eld but their pitching is very poor. Jackson is their big gun on the rubber, ot he can't win them all.

PREDICTION—Del Ennis to be ded for pitching to the Braves and y in the World Series.

SAN FRANCISCO—"GIANTS"

As Willie (Say Hay) Mays goes, so g the Giants. Brandt is back from the Amy and can add power to this team. pada, a slugging first baseman and kkie of the year could have a great sophomore year, if not jinxed. Anto- li, Monsant and McCormick lead e way in pitching, but the Giants n't get out of the second division.

PREDICTION—Willie Mays to lead league in Homers.

LOS ANGELES—"DODGERS or

BUMS"

Pee Wee Reese has retired. Camp- enalla's playing days are ended by a tragic accident and the Dodgers are in trouble. With that long right field wall Snider is in trouble for his homers. Hodges, Gilliam, Furillo, are still going strong, but the team lacks in pitching. Erskine, Kipp and Drysdale are good but need help. Clem Labine may come back but we doubt it. If Podres, the hero of the '55 Series comes through the "Bums" could be tough.

PREDICTION—The Dodgers to move the right field wall in further to aid the Duke in Homers.

7. PHILADELPHIA—"PHILLIES or WHIZ KIDS"

Eddy Sawyer who led the Whiz Kids to the Flag in '50 is back at the helm for another try. He inherits a club 9 years older. He still has Robin Roberts, Ashburn, Lopata, Jones, Seminik and Simmons, all tired veterans. Ruben Gomez, from the Giants, will help in the pitching department. Bowman and Big Ed Busha head the hitters. Dave Philly, the best pinch-hitter in the league, is around to add bench strength. A weak infield, for Kezanski can't hit.

PREDICTION—Robin Roberts to win twenty games and better the record of last year.

8. CHICAGO CUBS—"THE BRUINS"

The lowly Cubs come in last and get the cellar owned by the Phillies last last year, but can't carry the club. year last year but can't carry the club. Walt Moran and Dale Long can hit but they lack pitching. Moe Drowbowsky is their best starter but they have no bull pen strength to help the starters that get in trouble. No bench strength, so its the cellar for the Cubs.

PREDICTION—If the Cubs beat out the Phillies for the cellar we'll be embarrassed far more than if the rest of our predictions don't come true.



The Barred Bards



*Serfs to a sordid duty. . . He saw them with his heart. . .
Priests of the Ultimate Beauty. . . Feeding the Flame of Art. . .*

A SON'S PRAYER FOR HIS DADDY IN PRISON

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

God bless my Mummie and brothers too,
Oh God above, I pray to you,
My daddy is in prison, they have taken him away.
We love our dad with all our heart,
We miss him more each day.

My Mummie says that he will come
And never more he'll stray,
But we have shed a lot of tears
Since they sent dad away.

Oh God you've heard my story
I'm just a little lad.
It's when a boy is growing up
That he really needs his dad.

I even wrote my little prayer
So that everyone might see,
And I pray the right ones read it,
Please send daddy home to me.

M. A. Gilson.

RELEASE

To leave this life for a brief respite
Is not as hard as it sounds or seems,
And not for the life beyond the grave,
Or the one we visit in sleep and dreams.

It's a wonderful feeling you can't explain.
No, I mean the life where your mind stands still-
It happens sometimes as you walk along
In a warm spring mist on the verge of rain.

Or at times when you watch the stars at night
Like glistening drops in an endless sea,
Or to drift on a lake in an open boat,
You cease to live, and begin to be!

Have you watched the sun on a summer's eve?
Slide behind a mountain or crested hill.
Have you watched it rise from a watery bed?
When you stood on the shore and all was still.

Yes, serenity, wonder, and beauty combined,
Help us slip for a while from this world of strife!
But, alas, it's never for very long,
And we're rudely brought back to what we call life

G.H.N. 48

LUCKY FRANKIE

Into the pool room he does strut,
Dressed in clothes of the finest cut,
Hello Pete; Hello Louie, How are things?
Money in his pockets; girls on the string.
 . . . Lucky Frankie

Out in the street, parked in a lot,
Is a car fit for any big shot.
Twin tail pipes, with back-up light,
Handy for scores late in the night.
 . . . Lucky Frankie

Three-room apartment; T.V. and all,
Just the thing for a man on the prowl,
Perfect for a cut-up or drinking ball,
With beautiful women on the wall.
 . . . Lucky Frankie

Hello Frankie! Where have you been?
Five years in the pen will be his theme?
Here he is Sarg., ain't he a gem?
He's the most desperate hood! I've even seen.
 Eddy Church

THREE MONKEYS

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things they're said to be
Said one to the others, "Now listen you two
There's a certain rumour that can't be true.

That man descended from our noble race,
The very idea is a damn disgrace.
No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her baby, and ruined her life.

And you'll never see a mother monk,
Leave her baby with us to bunk,
Or pass on one to the other,
Until they scarcely know who is their mother.

Another thing you'll never see,
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree,
And let the coconuts go to waste,
Forbidding others not even a taste.

Why, if I built a fence around this tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
Another thing a monk won't do,
Go out on a party and get into a stew.

A monk will never use a gun or a knife,
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes, man descended the ornery cuss,
But brother he didn't descend from us."

VOCATIONAL TRAINING - BRICKMASONRY COURSE

by G.J. Hocken

Brickmasonry, one of the oldest trades known to man, dating to 12,000 B.C., is a necessity in the modern world. Most of our homes, schools, churches and public buildings are constructed of brick. Bricks are, therefore, part of our everyday world, and a very important part.

The Brickmasonry course at Collin's Bay Penitentiary is taught by Mr. R. Dick and his assistant Mr. R. Ayres. Mr. Dick is an accredited Master of this trade, who served his apprenticeship in "Bonnie" Scotland. Before joining the staff of this Penitentiary he was foreman on many large construction jobs in both Canada and the U.S.A. Mr. Ayres is also fully qualified in the trade and an excellent choice as Mr. Dick's assistant. Both of these men are intensely interested in the trainees, and do everything in their power to assist them.

There is accommodation for 24 men on this course. We begin by learning the correct method of mixing mortar and cements. From this we progress through Brick Veneering, Cornering, assorted Bonds, such as Common, English and Flemish, the construction of 8", 12" and 16" walls, constructing Fireplaces, Chimneys, and Arches, and the laying of Glass Blocks. We also learn to lay the ordinary Cement Blocks such as are used in the construction of foundations, cellars, warehouses, etc.

The Mason shop is divided into 12 sections or squares, with 2 men assigned to each section. Each day 2 men are assigned to the mixing of mortar for the class, and the remainder carry forward the project taking place in their square, such as construction of a wall, building a fireplace or chimney etc., in this way every man receives a fully rounded foundation in all phases of the trade. Mr. Dick continuously inspects the

work and offers his suggestions for improvement. Each month we have a written examination which serves to show our grasp of the subject.

Two afternoons per week are devoted to training in Blueprint Reading & Mathematics, this consists of a three hour duration on each subject which imparts at least a basic knowledge of these things, and if a man desires he may carry it further by his own studies in his cell.

Upon successful completion of the course the student is transferred to the General Mason Gang where he is employed on the maintenance of existing buildings and the construction of new buildings, such as the Carpenter Shop, the New Dairy Barn which will hold 98 head of cattle, and is now under construction, Houses for the Staff, and many other building projects that are required within the institution. In this manner he becomes practised and proficient in his trade, and further the knowledge he acquired on the month course.

Immediately preceeding the inmate's release, Mr. R. Dick classifies him upon his competence in the trade. Mr. Dick does this by perusal of the monthly progress records that are kept on each trainee and interviews with the trainee concerned. The trainee is then given a "Letter of Merit" stating his qualification in the trade and whether he is a fully accredited journeyman or still requiring more apprentice training.

It is my firm belief that through the application of this trade I will become a worthy citizen, and will no longer have any desire or need to flout the law, as I am now able to provide the necessities of life, and some of the luxuries, through honest toil. Learning this trade is one of the best and most important things that has taken place and is a real assistance in rehabilitating myself.

Sports Quiz

Well another page off the Calendar, and all I've got is ten more headaches and you sportsmen are my cure. If you get 1 to 3 right your no help at all. If you get from 3 to 6 right your as good as a "222" aspirin, and from 6 to 10 correct and you are a Bromo Plus, you really know your sports. Get them all correct and you must have looked at the answers, or else Hal March's \$64,000.00 question is looking for you.

1. Where and when did Joe Louis first win the Heavyweight Crown and who did he defeat? What did he win by?
2. Name the Hockey Player who has won the Lady Byng Trophy most times? How many times has he won it?
3. The Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Yankees in the 1955 World Series, who played First Base—Short Stop—Second Base and Third Base for the Dodgers?
4. What year was Rocky Marciano born? What is his present age? Who was his manager?
5. In what year was the National Hockey League formed?
6. A well known Hockey Player is also one of Canada's five best Golfers. Who is he? What hockey team did he play on?
7. Why did Jim Thorpe lose his Olympic Medals? What did he eventually become famous for?
8. Who originated the game of Handball?
9. In what Sports do the following men participate: Jesse Owens, Rube Walker, Tommy Gorman and Marcel Cerdan?
10. What is Canada's National Sport? What is United States' National Sport?

SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Joe Louis knocked out Braddock in the 8th round at Chicago on June 22nd 1937.
2. Frank Boucher—7 times.
3. Bill Hodges—Pee Wee Reese—Jr. (William)—Jackie Robinson.
4. Sept 1st 1924. He is now 35. Al Weill was his manager.
5. 1917.
6. Bill Ezink. Played for Toronto.
7. For playing Semi-pro Baseball. Famous for Football.
8. The Irish.
9. Track and field—Baseball—Hockey—Boxing.
10. Hockey—Baseball.

THE PENAL PRESS SAYS

BRITISH CRIMINALS MAY HAVE TO REPAY VICTIMS — *Reflector*

Britain is studying a plan to compensate victims of violent crimes—possibly out of the criminals' pocket.

Home Secretary Richard Butler revealed the study to Parliament last week when he announced publication of a white paper on British penal practice.

Harking back to the Biblical concept of "an eye for an eye" the white paper noted that "the basis of early law was personal reparation by the offender to the victim," a concept of which modern criminal law has almost completely lost sight.

The report said the interests of the offender seemed to be before those of the victim, and "this is certainly not the correct emphasis."

The report recommended that victims of crimes of violence be compensated.

The money would probably come from taxation, but Butler told Parliament that legal experts are working on a plan to make the criminal contribute.

Other proposals in the white paper include a building program for the prisons and tougher methods of dealing with juvenile offenders.

SUPERINTENDANT SPEAKS AT CLASS OPENING —

Evergreen—Washington State Reformatory

On Jan. 6th, Superintendent E.C. Timpani was the first speaker at the opening of the new W.S.R. pre-release school, located at the honour farm.

The pre-release school will consist of informal discussions between inmates about to be released, and employers, police officials, staff members, and civic-minded citizens. Through these discussions the inmate will obtain information which will be valuable if he is to be a success on parole. This group will meet twice weekly.

DEATH PENALTY DIMINISHING—*Reformatory Pillar*

The death penalty is headed in the direction of extinction and is being used less and less in the United States. A world-wide trend has developed for its abolition, according to a recent AP news dispatch.

A study of current reports show that the number of persons in the U.S. condemned to death has dropped from 199 in 1935 to 76 in 1955.

PENOLOGISTS LAUD ANGOLA REFORM PROGRAM—*Angolite*

Penologists believe the present program at Angola is one of the best in the Nation. If such be the case, it is good judgement to give such a program all the nourishment it needs. Abundant appropriations make it strong as well as the marked success of departmental operation but what can the inmate do after he leaves on parole or pardon? He may not be able to follow the example of Nehru, but he can so conduct himself to provide a good record for those he leaves behind him. Such evidence of a good record was reflected in the January, 1955 revocations with only nine violations of parole.

PRESIDIO — Congrats on 25 years of achievement in the Penal Press field. There is very little that we can say regarding your publication for all the adjectives have already been used innumerable times, but state it bluntly—"You're the TOPS". Here's wishing you continued success and another 25 years of happy achievement.

THE REAL PRISON—*Reflector*

The real prison is not prison outsiders know. . . the real prison is different, the real prison is loneliness that sinks its teeth into the soul of man, and emptiness that pushes and swells, and uncertainty that smothers and stifles. It is frustration, futility, despair and indifference. The real prison suppresses, deadens and crushes, enclosing a life without meaning. Life without a purpose. The real prison is the regret of men who took a life in a moment of anger or robbed to make their unstable lives more livable, and who began to pay for their crime once the moment of passion was spent, and have paid for it since in a thousand days.

The narrowness of a cell that crushes down heavily, speaks of the real prison. The familiar song on the radio that stabs and tortures, the memory also carries the real voice. The emptiness of the days and loneliness of the night repeats endlessly.

It is the prison only those who have lived within its walls will know . . . Yes, this is *THE REAL PRISON*.

GEORGIA PRISONERS ENROLL IN EYE BANK—*Lake Shore Outlook*

Ten prisoners at Fulton City's Bellwood Prison Camp, Ga., have offered to be blind, one of the greatest presents of all—gift of sight.

These 10 are the first to offer their eyes to the Atlanta Lions Club's new eye bank, an affiliate of the National Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Incorporated.

Five white and five Negro prisoners offered their eyes upon death. Each signed a standard form and accepted a billfold card that will inform medical attendants that the bearer's eyes are to be donated to the Eye Bank.

WILL WOULD LET FEDERAL CONS GO ON LEAVE—*Menard Times*.

Washington—Chairman Emmanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) of the House Judiciary Committee favours granting two-week home leaves to Federal prisoners with good records.

Celler said he would introduce a bill to authorize leaves, *without cost to the government*, in cases where the visit would rehabilitate the prisoner.

No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty.

Ulysses S. Grant

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, be true to do our duty as we understand it.

Abraham Lincoln.

Not once or twice in our rough island story, the path of duty was the way to glory.

Alfred Tennyson.

GRICOLA — A very good mag. I particularly enjoyed your "Mandate of the people" and "Dottings." Both are well written and very thought provoking. Keep up the good work and keep that mag coming.

INSIDER — A very good Editorial but you fail in the follow-up, seems a little too much humour and not enough real meat. I realize that a mimeograph format makes for a difficult magazine to add class, but with enough ideas it can be done. Keep plugging and lots of luck.

ORDER SENTINEL — Where! Oh Where have you been? Just received the first copy of your mag. to ever reach this bastille and was favourably impressed. You are doing a tremendous job in your "little city". Please, please keep that mag coming, we will surely miss it now if it ever stops.

INSIDE WORLD — You are doing a wonderful job, particularly enjoyed "Big boom in Jails", it's rather ironic. We really look forward to receiving your publication. S'wonderful.

The Jovial Jester



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Gardener—"This is a tobacco plant in full flower, Madam".

Dear Old Lady—"How very interesting! And how long will it be before the cigars are ripe?"

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The Bore—"I passed by your place yesterday."

The Bored—"Thanks, awfully."

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Judge—"Too old! Why, I could give you twenty years."

Friend—"Now, now, Judge. Don't start talking shop!"

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"There is talk that the next war will be fought with radio."

"Well, I'm in training. I've faced some terrible programs".

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The aviation instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work concluded: "And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that is what is known as "Jumping to a conclusion."

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Howell—"A good deal depends on the formation of early habits."

Powell—"I know it; when I was a baby my mother hired a woman to wheel me about, and I have been pushed for money ever since."

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"He claims to be related to you and says he can prove it."

"The man's a fool."

"Yes, but that may be mere coincidence."

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Famous Last Words: "Gimme a match, I think my gas tank is empty."

Adam and Eve were naming the animals of the earth when along came a rhinoceros.

Adam—"What shall we call this one?"

Eve—"Let's call it a rhinoceros."

Adam—"Why?"

Eve—"Well, it looks more like a rhinoceros than anything we've named yet."

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Papa, what is the person called who brings you in contact with the spirit world?"
A bartender, my boy."

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FOUND IN THE MAIL BOX

Dear Momma Mia:

Theesa is truely tha goldena lend. they breng me to a beega place with ceata walls of stones alla round (so not be bothered weetha peddlars and peoples who alla time trya to sella me omtings) and they geeva to me my own prevate room, weeth running water alla cold, someting musta been broked in the pipes cause there never any ota wata) but anyways, they geeva me thisa leetle room wetha nice bed—inda hard, but nice (musta be some crookes here, though, cause they gotta y bed bolted to the wall; you theenk they donta trust me, maybe?) And theysa got thesa men in the bbrowna suits to looka after me, they opens the doors for me, and keeps the peoples outsidea from breaking into thisa place, and theysa looka afta me good, even walk up and downa in fronta my rooms alla night so no one can bother me while I'ma sleepa: but thesa is funny ans, alla times they is countingk, theyounta in mornin and they counta at pon and they counta at night alla mes they looka and counta, I tink they must lose someting.

And theysa feeda me here (I think sa feed) three timsa day Isa getta isa tin try alla covered with (UGH)

feeda (for dinner I hadda nice hard, beans spotted with whita sauce froma pudding and some nice colda dish (oops) tea) so itsa not the Waldorfia, in facta itsa not evena the beanery, but its free—and theysgiva me a nica job—breakin rocks—boyoboys ama I getting gooda at my job, one swing witha my sledga hamma and boom—lotsa leetle rocks (I wonders though, what for theysa want alla these leetle rocks?) And theysa geeve me nice brown pants and a blues shirt and everytings, with numbers all overs so I wonta loose them, and theysa evena washa them for me—theys just too good to me heer—and everys cuple a weeks theys geeva me a whole .90¢ to spend on meselfs, foolish like (and theysa says ifa I be reel good theys gonna give me a raise to \$1.40, boyoboyoboy I canna hardly waits)

Momma Mia—youa tella my brudder Tony—hesa better hurry ups and come over heers, I gotta rooma all reddy for hima, but I cannt hold onto it to longs, people like thees plaaca so much they keep havink to throw somes out and getting new ones in, but I gonna stay, they not gonna gets me outta here, no sireeee.

Bye for nows

Your baby boy

Guiseppe

Our Readers Write

THE LAST WORD

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Dear Sir:

I am sending you \$1.00 to renew my Diamond and hope I am not too late to get the Feb. edition. I think it is a wonderful book and you boys keep up the good work. I collect poems so the more you put in the C.B.D. the better I like it.

Best of luck,

Mrs. Arthur Wright,

Bedford, Halifax, Nova Scotia

(Ed: Thank you Mrs. Wright. We were especially pleased to hear that you liked our poems, and you are a collector of poems. We are hoping that you like our poems well enough to add to your collection.)

The Editor:

I am happy to at last forward the money for my subscription renewal. Hope I'm not too late to receive this month's edition of C.B. Diamond, as I think you're doing a wonderful "Job", and I would miss your lively magazine if I had to go without it even for one month.

Yours symbolically,

Mrs. J. R. Douglas,

North Surrey, B. C.

(Ed: Thank you for the renewal and comments on our magazine Mrs. Douglas. We are always glad to hear from our friends on the west coast.)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find \$2.00 for another year's subscription of your very good magazine. One subscription is for myself at the above address, and the other one is for my Daughter in Toronto, address as follows:

Yours truly,

G. Snowden,

Kingston, Ontario.

(Ed: Mr. Snowden you have shown your appreciation for our magazine by giving us another subscription and a new subscriber. We hope your daughter will enjoy the Diamond as much as you have. Once again we say thank you for helping us to build our subscription list. It is only through the generosity of our subscribers that we are able to publish the Diamond.)

Dear Sir:

Thank you so much for the two copies of the C.B. Diamond.

I am enclosing \$2.00 which I hope will take care of a supply for a period of two years.

Your publication is really very good and I am taking my copies to the Legion the next time I am in town.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Martin Quinn,

Sudbury, Ontario.

(Ed: Thank you for the subscription Mrs. Quinn. We hope the people of the Legion will like the magazine as much as you do. If they would like a few complimentary issues we would be only too happy to forward them.)

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find two dollars as renewal for my subscription. I haven't been notified, but I am sure it must have run out.

Thank you,

Mrs. May Coulston,

Toronto, Ontario.

P.S. May I add congratulations on your Christmas edition? It was splendid
(Ed: Thank you for the renewal Mrs. Coulston. We have advanced your subscription accordingly. We hope you will enjoy the future editions as much as the Christmas edition.)